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The Supreme Court Research Activity

Directions: Using the Supreme Court website, answer the following questions and take notes that outline the important factors and intentions of the court. Use the bolded headings on the website to navigate.

The Justices:

How many justices currently sit on the Supreme Court? _____

How many justices can sit on the Supreme Court? _____

How long do justices serve on the court? _____

What are the two types of justices that sit on the Supreme Court?

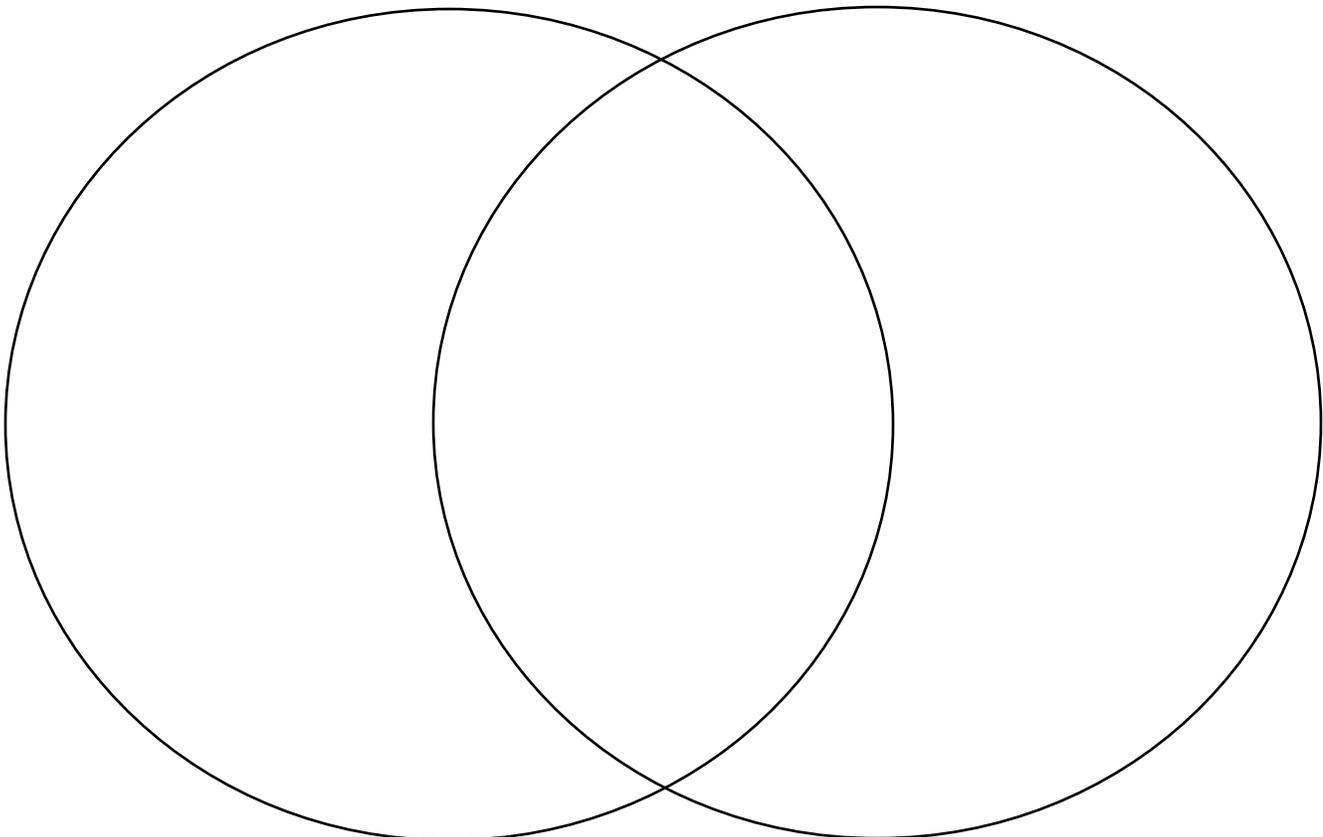
Supreme Court at Work:

What types of cases does the Supreme Court get involved in?

How many cases are proposed to the Supreme Court each year? _____

How many are heard by the court? _____

Using the Venn Diagram, compare how the Supreme Court is different from a regular trial court.



History and Traditions:

How does the Constitution envision the role of the Supreme Court?

How did the founding fathers contribute to how the court acts today?

What traditions remain part of the court to this day?

Using the rest of internet, research the following debates about the Supreme Court and consider what you think about these important aspects of the court.

Lifetime Appointment	
Positive	Negative

Presidential Appointment	
Positive	Negative